

## MEYER STARTS WAR IN GRAFT PROBE

Head of Legislative Committee Abandons Efforts for Cooperation.

## ULTIMATUM TO POLICE

Will Fight All Obstacles to Obtain Facts in Municipal Inquiry.

## O'BRIEN AID IS OUSTED

Assistant Corporation Counsel Ordered From Hearing—'The' McManus Not Called.

Senator Meyer, chairman of the legislative investigating committee, yesterday abandoned all efforts to "cooperate" with the city administration, which is under fire and declared war on the Corporation Counsel's office and the Police Department.

The city officials made it clear they have no intention of helping the State's graft hunters find material which might discredit the municipal administration. The State is ready to fight hard to find out what Mayor Hylan and his associates have done, regardless of the efforts of those officials to cover their acts.

Thomas F. Curley, Assistant Corporation Counsel, was ousted from the committee's headquarters, in Park row. On top of that Senator Meyer gave notice that the State examiners were through trying to deal with police officials and that the committee was going to get the information it wanted in spite of all obstacles.

While these passes were being made between the chairman and city officials, other members of the committee and its counsel continued to make close scrutiny of Police Department affairs, including the accounts of the special funds, Grant Crabtree, chief clerk of the department, was summoned before the committee with numerous documents.

## Food Sales to Be Probed.

The army and navy food sales which were conducted by Dr. Jonathan C. Day, formerly Commissioner of Public Markets, and continued by Commissioner Edwin J. O'Malley after Day left the city employ, are to be investigated by the State committee.

Much material has been collected relating to these transactions. This became known when officials in the office of the Commissioner of Accounts made known that all the records dealing with the food sales had been subpoenaed.

Although he had been warned to "confine" himself to the committee's official and talking with city officials subpoenaed as witnesses, Mr. Curley was on the job early yesterday, under instructions from the Corporation Counsel to insist upon his right to sit.

Senator Meyer instructed Harry Haines, the Assembly sergeant at arms, who is attending the committee, to put Curley out. Haines tapped Curley on the shoulder and communicated the order. A deputy sergeant stood next to Haines. It looked like a free for all mix up, Curley being known as something of a scrapper. The lawbreaker nounced he would not get out unless he was put out. But when he saw the sort of argument presented, Curley remarked he might as well step aside for the present, and he did.

## Forced Into a Fight.

Assemblyman McCardle, Democratic member, followed Curley out of the office and denounced the committee for its discourtesy toward officials and for petty politics.

Senator Meyer issued an ultimatum to the Police Department.

"The obstructive tactics practiced by the city administration in an effort to block the committee's work have been carried to a point where it becomes necessary for us to take a stand," the Senator said.

Investigators were sent to Police Headquarters last Friday with a request that they be assigned a room where they could inspect police records with as little inconvenience as possible to the officials. The police kept making excuses and producing records one at a time, Meyer said. Capt. Maurice Hannon was assigned to sit in the room and observe what the examiners did.

"It has been the sincere desire of the committee to work in cooperation and harmony with the city administration," Senator Meyer said. "Tactics such as have been practiced renders cooperation impossible. The committee has the power to obtain whatever information it requires. It will secure that information whether the city administration objects or not."

"The' McManus, the upper West Side Tammany leader, whom the committee subpoena served said they could not find for three weeks, turned up at City Hall yesterday. Word was sent to the committee rooms that McManus was on hand, but it was decided not to call him immediately. The explanation made was that Leonard Wallcut, associate counsel, who has been conducting the inquiry into the Department of Markets, was in Buffalo with the Lockwood committee. McManus was wanted for examination in connection with market transactions. It was stated arrangements were made that the Tammany man would appear whenever he was wanted."

## Publicity Ltd Working.

The committee's efforts to hold down the publicity lid and prevent all facts regarding its preliminary investigation becoming public prior to the public hearings have been more successful yesterday than on any day since organization. The members were silent. The lips of the publicity directors were sealed. Even the Tammany members, doing their best to stir up trouble, insisted they could not find out what was going on.

There were reports that the majority membership of the committee was not working in perfect accord, but the Republicans insisted that was only another attack of the Tammany men. According to the report, some of the Republican members did not approve of ignoring "The' McManus when he appeared yesterday, the committee having insisted for a week that he could not be found. It was further stated that there was some dissatisfaction with the activities of some of the junior counsel. None of these reports was verified.

## MAGAZINE MEN ELECT WILSON.

Robert Cade Wilson, vice-president of McCall's Magazine and editor of the *Reading Science Monthly*, yesterday was elected president of the Periodical Publishers Association.

## DOG LEADS WAY IN A RAID; STILL IN STABLES IS SEIZED

Three Enforcement Agents Disguised as 'Truckmen' Find Welcome in Barn and Saloon—Twenty Gallons of Bad Hootch Taken and Owner Arrested.

If one is thirsty and desires to buy a drink get a truckman's disguise, put the feed box on the family mare in front of a wet spot, saunter in and the bartender will immediately become "reasonable."

That theory became a fact yesterday when "Izzy" Einstein, Federal rural sleuth, accompanied by Moe Smith, Peter Reagan and a Scotch terrier, drove up in a truck in front of the Louis Romeo stables, 72 West Ninth street, Brooklyn. Years ago Einstein was a bartender and later a chauffeur in the Delancey street neighborhood.

"You have a drink, am I right?" the unkempt driver suggested to the stable owner. "Sure I thought you were the junkman," said Romeo, who was the junkman. The Scotch terrier then ran into a stall, the three "truckmen" and Romeo following. The dog whined, as if begging for food. Behind the stall, in which was a large still and twenty gallons of some kind of strong smelling liquor. During the removal of the still and moonshine, the crowd gathered. "Good for you, Izzy; it was bad hootch, anyway," somebody shouted.

The raid was made by order of Federal District Attorney John W. Rosen. Much of the material has been before the communication that the premises were being used in which to sell bad liquor. The letter complained that women as well as men were being poisoned by obtaining moonshine in the stable. Romeo was arrested.

The truck then stopped in front of the saloon of John Sullivan, 573 8th street.

The feed boxes were again put on the horses, the three "truckmen" entering the place, where, it is alleged, Sullivan served them three drinks of whiskey at 50 cents each. A quantity of whiskey was found concealed in a safe in the rear room.

Mrs. Bertha Weber of 428 East Seventy-ninth street was held in \$1,000 bail by Magistrate William A. Sweetser in the Yorkville Court, on the charge of owning a large still and peddling whiskey in a baby carriage.

John Sheegreen, a theatrical manager, living at the Hotel Bellevue, was held in \$500 bail in the West Side Court on a charge of having a quart bottle of Scotch whiskey in his office at 1531 Broadway. At 4 o'clock yesterday morning Patrolman Donnellan asked a chauffeur in front of the Astor Theatre Building what he was doing there. He said he was waiting for a fare who had offices in the building. The patrolman walked into the building and met Sheegreen on his way out.

"What are you doing here?" Donnellan asked. "I have an office in the building," Sheegreen answered.

The patrolman expressed a desire to see the office and he was led up three flights of stairs, where he was shown into the office.

"What bottle on the table is that?" Donnellan asked. "Why, I do, of course," Sheegreen declared.

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## MRS. LEEDS BLAMED BY MRS. STILLMAN

Former Chorus Girl Broke Up Home, Says Banker's Wife After Hearing.

TALKS OF FLATTERY  
Believes Men of Money Crave It and Thus Gain Certain Popularity.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Poughkeepsie, June 15.—Mrs. Anne Urquhart Potter Stillman, in a talk with reporters to-night, accused Mrs. Florence H. Leeds, the former "chicken" of the "Century Girl" chorus, with being the one who broke up her home.

The banker's wife referred to Mrs. Leeds as a hypocrite and a memberist, who practiced her charms on the banker and then used him to start the suit.

"I know Mr. Stillman is at the bottom of all this," she said, "but she is the one who instigated it. She induced Stillman to marry her and then she used him to start the suit."

Mrs. Stillman was noticeably fatigued by her attendance at the hearing, which lasted more than seven hours. She admitted that the appearance of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Percy A. Rockefeller, as a witness was a surprise.

"It is all very interesting," she continued. "Yes, I was completely surprised to see Mrs. Rockefeller, but one must be prepared for anything in a case like this. But she had a poor time of it, seeing me there, and not a pleasant time either."

Mrs. Rockefeller started out with one idea and when Mr. Mack got through with her she did not know where she was nor what she was doing nor where she lived—nor even names of her children.

"Mr. Mack was wonderful. When he started out with his questions it was truly remarkable. Mr. Mack, with all his reputation as a cross-examiner, can never touch Mr. Mack."

"They could not hurt me. They could only try, and they did try to prove a success. They of course did not get very far. It was not very merry for those witnesses there to-day."

"I'm tired after this day in a room where one must smoke tobacco and show rum and where the windows must be closed and where Mr. Mack must walk up and down like this."

Mrs. Stillman paced the Mack path with her arms thrust forward and her elbows back to demonstrate her remarks. "Turning again to the subject of her husband she said:

"Even now I would like him to make a success of himself. Nobody is all good, nobody is all bad. Mr. Stillman could have been made very good if he had been brought up differently by his father. The fact was that with all his reputation as a cross-examiner, he brought up to an atmosphere of old fashioned secretiveness that prevailed in a home that was without affection and love of family."

"But I never have been so popular with the ladies if he were not so wealthy. They provided the flattery that a man does not get in his own home. Why never flatter their husbands. At 100 West 10th street, we what their faults are, but men of money want to be flattered, and that is why they are so popular with a certain class of women."

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## STILLMAN'S SISTER GIVES TESTIMONY

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Seventy-second street house continuously during the three months. Mrs. Hunt based her knowledge of this fact on the findings of his bedroom door closed every morning. This, she said, indicated that the room had been occupied.

Questioned by Mr. Brennan and Mr. Mack, Mrs. Hunt admitted that she recently has been active gathering witnesses for Mr. Stillman. She said that she is living in Washington place, Manhattan's lawyer, also testified to Mrs. Rockefeller, with whom she made the journey to and from Poughkeepsie.

Frank Lacey, former butler for the side Stillman and now a guard at the National City Bank Building, under the continued presence of the banker at his father's home. Lacey also became confused on dates, and admitted he was on the stand as a guard in the bank. Mr. Brennan's questions were framed to show Lacey received the job as a reward for making out the affidavit.

When he got back here, Lacey said, he was taken down to see Mr. Stillman's lawyers, Nicol, Anable, Faller & Sullivan, and that he also visited the banker in the National City Bank Building. During these visits he made out an affidavit which was attached to the banker's divorce complaint and also obtained the position as a guard in the bank. Mr. Brennan's questions were framed to show Lacey received the job as a reward for making out the affidavit.

Other Servants Heard.

Mary Murray, former waitress, and Della Rock, a kitchen assistant at the banker's late home, followed each other on the stand. Mrs. Rockefeller testified she was at the Stillman home in Pleasantville during December, 1917, and said Mr. Stillman appeared there but once during that time, and that was on Christmas eve, when he remained over night.

Miss Rock admitted it was Mrs. Hunt who took her to the office of Mr. Stillman's lawyers to make an affidavit, in describing this visit she said Mrs. Hunt took her down in a limousine and she met Mr. Stillman at the lawyer's office. The trip back home was made in a trolley car, she said.

Bernard Kelly, former superintendent of the Pleasantville estate, was the last witness of the day. He was on the stand at the last hearing on May 4, but had not completed his direct examination. It was Kelly who identified "Harold B." or the alleged Beauville letter, which is the only letter that has been admitted thus far by Referee Gleason.

Kelly said Mary Kelly, a maid at the Stillman home, showed him "Exhibit B." He read the letter and it then was returned to the drawer in Mrs. Stillman's room from which it had been taken by the maid. Kelly also testified that Mr. Stillman did not appear at Pleasantville between Christmas day, 1917, and May 2, 1919. He told of an occasion when Mrs. Stillman, a maid named Isabelle Armstrong, Fred K. Beauville, the guide named correspondent by the banker, and two of the Stillman children visited the estate. That was from January 25 to February 6, 1919. On that occasion Kelly said Beauville was at the Stillman home in the same section of the blue cottage on the estate.

Asked if he was interested in the outcome of the suit Kelly said: "No, I am not. But I want to see the woman win."

Mrs. Mack then asked the former superintendent if that was his attitude on the many visits to the offices of Mr. Stillman's lawyers, and when he advised his wife, Mrs. Irene Kelly, who also is to be a witness, not to sign a paper that was presented to her by one of Mrs. Stillman's detectives. Kelly indicated that his views have undergone a change in the last few months. His cross-examination consumed more than two hours.

UNKNOWN MAN SHOTS  
LABORER IN STREET

Samuel Saggo Killed After Quarrel With Stranger.

Samuel Saggo, a laborer of 333 West Eighteenth street, was shot five times late last night by a man with whom he became quarrelsome at a restaurant on the corner of Ninth and Broadway streets.

According to the police, Saggo was standing on the corner when the man, whose identity is unknown, approached and began to talk to him. A few minutes later they began quarrelling, and the police say that Saggo drew a revolver and fired. The other man returned the fire, hitting Saggo with five bullets. So far as is known, all of Saggo's shots missed. Patrolman Maher said that when he found Saggo's body the man crouched a revolver in his hand.

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Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. ATLANTA, June 15.—It's the East against the West in the great race now being waged for the presidency of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

There is no doubt that it was a great disappointment for the followers of Charles Mackintosh, of Chicago, that George Hopkins of New York entered the race. They say Mackintosh will not go before the convention to-morrow unless he is assured that he has the votes to return him a winner.

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